

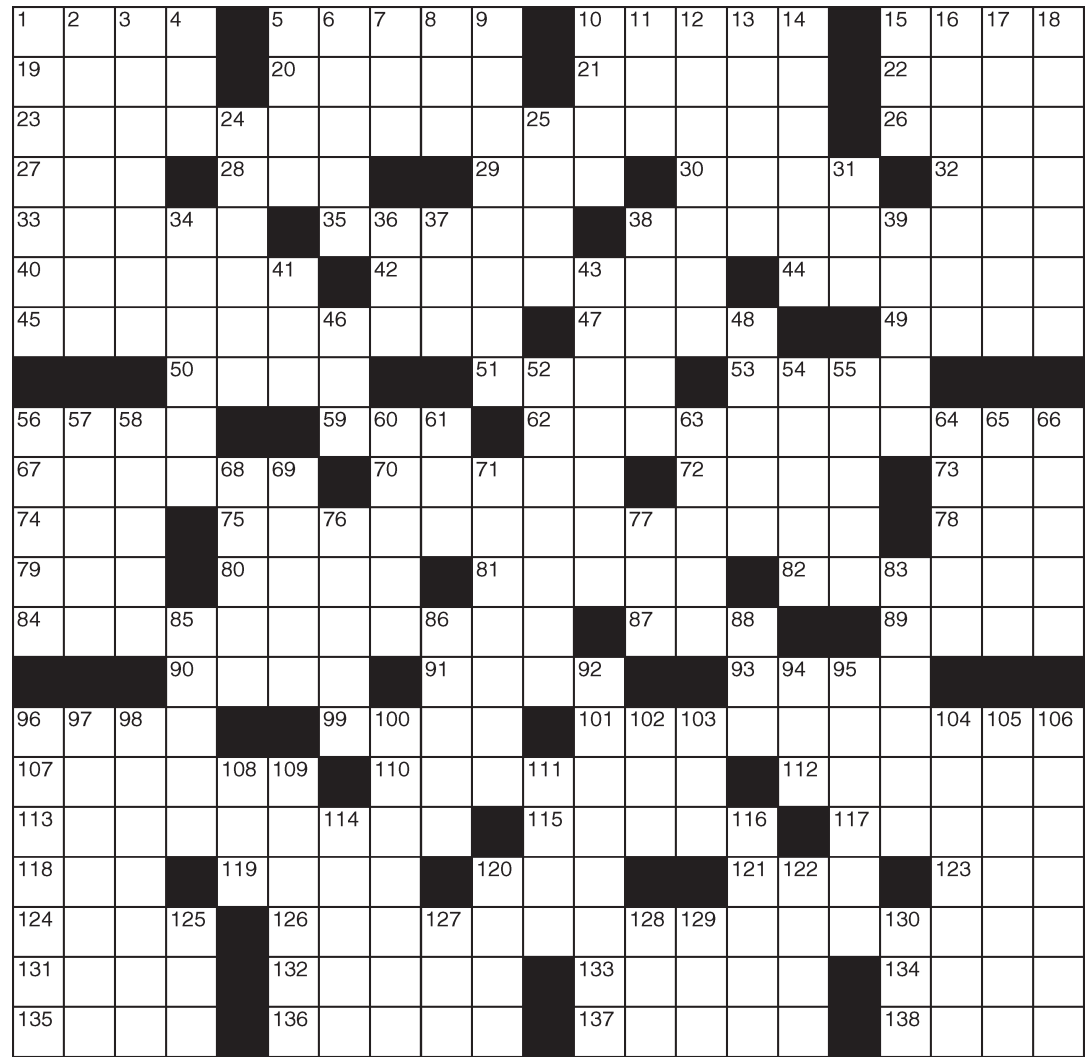
Answers to puzzles on this page appear on page I11, except where noted

PREMIER CROSSWORD/ By Frank A. Longo

- ACROSS**
- 1 Big trucks
  - 5 "Serial" podcast host
  - 10 Brothers Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan
  - 15 Like GI garb, often
  - 19 Woeful things
  - 20 Bingham of "Baywatch"
  - 21 Slobber
  - 22 Nivea rival
  - 23 Outfit
  - 26 Lasses
  - 27 All upset, with "up"
  - 28 "... flaw — feature?"
  - 29 Actor Knotts
  - 30 Wrung (out)
  - 32 Deli classic
  - 33 Bother a lot
  - 35 Frank of rock
  - 38 Outward display of courage
  - 40 Attachable with a click
  - 42 Hits, as a fly
  - 44 Fill with love
  - 45 "The X Factor," e.g.
  - 47 Congeal
  - 49 Short sleeps
  - 50 Diane once of NPR
  - 51 Gentlemen
  - 53 Breather
  - 56 Apple option
  - 59 Cow sound
  - 62 Primer for a wall, e.g.
  - 67 Names anew
  - 70 Outdoor enclosure for a tabby
  - 72 Abundant
  - 73 Cow sound
  - 74 Despot Amin
  - 75 It's often played during a massage
  - 78 "Let us spray," e.g.
  - 79 Recognize
  - 80 Central Asia's — Sea
  - 81 Honking birds
  - 82 Old Jewish ascetic
  - 84 Snootiness
  - 87 Cur's warning
  - 89 Snake's warning
  - 90 Not bogus
  - 91 Small plateau
  - 93 Give relief to
  - 96 Choir female
  - 99 Responses to massages
  - 101 Something revealed by a scale
  - 107 Fly without a co-pilot, e.g.
  - 110 Like a famed Vatican chapel
  - 112 Roll around in mud or dust
  - 113 Mascara, e.g.
  - 115 Writer Calvino
  - 117 Ethiopia's — Selassie
  - 118 Ovid's lang.
  - 119 Tubers often candied
  - 120 Engine speed meas.
  - 121 By way of
  - 123 Tattooist's supply
  - 124 Otherwise
  - 126 What eight answers in this puzzle might say if they could talk?
  - 131 Increase, with "up"
  - 132 Internet sales
  - 133 Increase, with "up"
  - 134 Villain in "The Avengers"
  - 135 609-homer
  - 136 AC— (big name in auto parts)
  - 137 Promotes heavily
  - 138 Leg joint
- DOWN**
- 1 Most wealthy
  - 2 Actress
  - 3 Douglas who starred in "Grace of My Heart"
  - 3 Pertaining to an opening of the larynx
  - 4 Former jet to JFK
  - 5 Mix, as batter
  - 6 Desi of Desilu Studios
  - 7 Sleazy paper
  - 8 King topper
  - 9 Furry feet in back
  - 10 Biblical utopia
  - 11 Shirt part
  - 12 Clemente of baseball
  - 13 Oompah band genre
  - 14 Shirt part
  - 15 Tooth on a gearwheel
  - 16 A Gulf state
  - 17 Patroller around a food court
  - 18 Bivalve mollusks
  - 24 Sweltering summer day
  - 25 Ivory, e.g.
  - 31 Lion's hideout
  - 34 Fast glance
  - 36 Burnt residue
  - 37 Gp. once led by Arafat
  - 38 Raft wood
  - 39 Soda brand
  - 41 Utmost
  - 43 Dickens' miser
  - 46 Opposite of lge.
  - 48 Three, to Fifi
  - 52 Slippery road condition
  - 54 "The Hunger Games" escort
  - 55 Blueprint data, in brief
  - 56 From Dublin or Cork
  - 57 Jason's wife, in myth
  - 58 "Ta-tal," in Tours
  - 60 Central Florida city
  - 61 Crayon stuff
  - 63 Less of a lie
  - 64 Louvre Pyramid architect
  - 65 Adjectives modify them
  - 66 Message-leavers' cues
  - 68 Astronomer Tycho —
  - 69 Mattress brand
  - 71 Fierce female feline
  - 76 1972 Eric Clapton hit
  - 77 Chinese menu letters
  - 83 Aussie girl
  - 85 Newlywed man
  - 86 "Got it, man"
  - 88 San Luis —
  - 92 Slightly excessive
  - 94 "How cute!"
  - 95 Ugly foe of Popeye
  - 96 Neverending
  - 97 Not deserting
  - 98 Frightful flies
  - 100 Like always
  - 102 "Ode — Grecian Urn"
  - 103 Costa — Sol
  - 104 Use as a skating surface
  - 105 Mount — College (Elaine Chao's alma mater)
  - 106 12-year-old kid, say
  - 108 Set in place
  - 109 Gave the nod
  - 111 — City (Ohio town named for William Henry Harrison's moniker)
  - 114 Theatricalize
  - 116 Like sheep
  - 120 Move, to a Realtor
  - 122 Tattooist's supplies
  - 125 Green org.
  - 127 Ocasek of The Cars
  - 128 Endeavor
  - 129 Spying setup
  - 130 Big name in civ. rights

Average time of solution 67 minutes

APPLICATION PROCESS



CRYPTOQUIP

J D D G H E Y S G X I B K P Z R P S J T Q H H Z R G T G O L R K Z  
 Y J L C I K Y P I H R G L ' Y S O Y J T , J W I H J X I R P I Z ' B W I  
 W H Q E I - B Q L T J L C .

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals B

CHESS

CECIL ROSNER

**M**OST elite sports, whether they involve physical or mental abilities, are reserved for young people.

A typical Olympic gymnast will call it quits in their early 20s. The average retirement age for an NBA player is 26, while it's a year older in the NFL and one to three years beyond that for professional hockey.

Professional soccer players retire around 35, on average, while you see the very occasional example of a pro athlete still competing beyond 40.

Even when you consider sports that don't have a physical component, youth still dominates. A recent survey showed that esports gamers generally withdraw from active competition by their mid-20s.

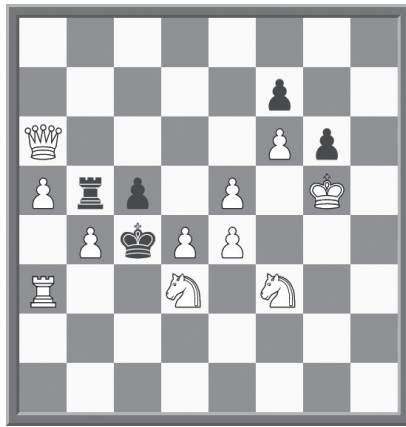
At elite levels, the world's best chess players tend to be under 35. Many of the top prospects in the world are still in their teenage years.

But that doesn't mean players at all age levels can't enjoy and succeed at chess. Organizers in Nova Scotia have taken that concept to heart, and are hosting a unique event this summer called Pawn Wise: the Atlantic All Ages Chess Festival.

Veteran organizer Roger Langen, who is secretary of Chess Nova Scotia, says the event has been years in the making. It is being supported by a host of private companies as well as the Halifax regional municipality and the Nova Scotia Department of Seniors.

The event, running from July 29 to Aug. 2, features two simultaneous tournaments. The first is a Canadian Seniors championship, and the other is the first Nova Scotia Mayflower Open, which is open to all ages.

The seniors' event is divided into two sections: 50 and up and 65 and older. Organizers have managed to attract some high-calibre competition. Veteran international masters Leon Pisetski, Brian Hartman and Jean Hebert will all be in the 65+ section. They would have been a formidable lineup in any tournament in



the 1970s, and they have all maintained high ratings into their senior years.

In the 50+ section, there are several international masters as well. Both sections will be highly competitive, with players drawing on a lifetime of experience for their games.

Organizers say the festival is the prelude to two ongoing province-wide projects. Chess Wise will be a program for older adults, and Pawn Waves will be an after-school chess initiative. With its commitment of more than \$11,000, the provincial Seniors Department sees a clear benefit in promoting chess.

Langen, who moved to Nova Scotia in 2016, is himself an example of how you can keep achieving good results in later years. He is a seven-time Newfoundland champion, having won his first title in 1969 and his last one in 2018. He also won the Nova Scotia Open in 2019.

The Mayflower Open also promises to be a strong event, with top billing so far going to Grandmaster Eduardas Rozentalis of Lithuania. The three-time Lithuanian champion has represented his country repeatedly in chess Olympiads through the years.

For more information on the event, check chessns.ca



This week's problem: Mate in 2 (Larsen). Solution to last problem: 1.Qa1.

SCRABBLE G R A M S

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RACK 1: A, I, U, T, S, C, C

RACK 2: A, E, E, N, T, H, H (Double Word Score)

RACK 3: E, E, I, U, N, N, G (1st Letter Triple)

RACK 4: I, I, F, M, D, R, F

PAR SCORE 200-210  
BEST SCORE 265

FOUR RACK TOTAL  
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

**DIRECTIONS:** Make a 2- to 7-letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. Finally, 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All the words are in the Official SCRABBLE® Players Dictionary, 5th Edition.

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Yesterday's answer

SCRABBLE G R A M S SOLUTION

W, A, I, F, I, S, H RACK 1 = 82

T, O, U, C, H, E, I RACK 2 = 11

R, O, A, D, W, A, Y RACK 3 = 64

O, P, E, R, A, T, I, O, N RACK 4 = 66

PAR SCORE 150-160 TOTAL 223

SUDOKU ADRIAN POWELL RATING: HARD

1			5		8		7
		6			8		3 1
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	1						7
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			5				
8 2		7			9		
6	3	2					5

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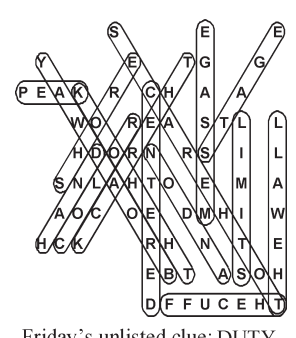
**HOW TO PLAY** — Fill in the grid so that each row if nine squares, each column of nine and each section of nine (three squares by three) contains the numbers 1 through 9 in any order. There is only one solution to each puzzle.

Yesterday's answer

5	6	7	8	9	3	1	4	2
1	8	9	2	4	5	3	6	7
2	3	4	1	6	7	5	8	9
9	1	2	5	3	4	6	7	8
4	5	6	7	2	8	9	3	1
3	7	8	6	1	9	4	2	5
8	2	1	3	5	6	7	9	4
7	4	3	9	8	1	2	5	6
6	9	5	4	7	2	8	1	3

Friday's Word Sleuth Answers

OFF —



Friday's unlisted clue: DUTY

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3	4-	60x	5-		1-
2÷			1-		
	8x		1	12+	2÷
11+					
	6	5+		120x	2÷
3÷		4			

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**RULES**

- Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating.
- The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners.
- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

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Last Saturday's Answers

2÷	2	1	6-	6+	5x	2-	4
1-	4	3	5	1	2	6	
	3	6	2	4	1	5	
1-	5	2	4	3	6	1	
	6	5	1	2	4	3	
	1	4	3	6	5	2	